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SENATE RESOLUTION 161
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michael Tillotson, 2002
Salutatorian of Harpeth High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tillotson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Harpeth High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Michael has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Tillotson has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

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WHEREAS, he has been a valuable participant in many organizations and programs at Harpeth High School, including serving in the FCA, the National Honor Society, the Poetry Club, and in a program to help incoming freshman adapt to High School; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tillotson has demonstrated tremendous musical ability as a talented member of his school's Marching Band and Jazz Band and has served as the Drumline Section Leader during his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years; during his two years as Section Leader, the Harpeth High School Drumline has won 1st place in their division at the State Competition; and

WHEREAS, an enthusiastic volunteer in his community, Michael has generously dedicated his time and energies to the betterment of the lives of his fellow citizens; he has participated in the "Love In Action Saturday Ministry," which prepares food for the homeless; handed out fruit and Valentines at the Veterans Hospital, and volunteered with "A Room at the Inn," which serves individuals who are homeless and suffering from drug addiction; he is also an active member of his church's youth group and serves on the Youth Council and the Youth Praise Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tillotson's perseverance and outstanding work ethic have earned him many awards, including a nomination to attend the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. and Awards of Excellence in Science, Mathematics, British Literature, American Literature during his Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior years and Spanish and U.S. History in his Junior year; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Harpeth High School surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tillotson's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tillotson's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Harpeth High School Salutatorian, Michael Tillotson, on his impressive academic achievements and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.